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The Examiner is respectfully requested to return a copy of the IDS Form filed on September 26, 2007 and the Form PTO/SB/08B filed on June 29, 2005, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Restriction was required under PCT Rule 13.1 that a single disclosed species from each of (a) to (d) be elected and that all the claims reading on the elected species be identified.

The Office Action set forth the following species (a) to (d):

(a) an enzyme species selected from *bacillolysin* MA or trypsin;

(b) a support species selected from porous silica bead support, a cellulose-based support, an agarose-based support, a cross-linked dextran-based support and a crosslinked polyacrylamide-based support;

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(c) a molecule species which binds the substrate selected from lysine, anti-insulin antibody, and hirudine; and

(d) a substrate species selected from plasmalogen, prepoinsulin, and prothrombin.

Applicants make the following election for each of (a) to (d), as follows:

- (a) bacillolysin MA;
- (b) an agarose-based support;
- (c) lysine; and
- (d) plasminogen.

Claims 1 to 9 and 12 to 14 read on the above elected species.

It was stated in the Office Action that claim 1 was generic.

With respect to the first full paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action, upon allowance of a generic claim, it is requested that the procedure set forth in 37 CFR 1.141(a) (as well as in MPEP 806.04(d)) be followed, which provides that once a claim that is determined to be generic is allowed, all of the claims

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drawn to species, in addition to the elected species, which include all of the limitations of the generic claim, should be allowed.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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